



Present Day Bihar  
1750 - 1785

# Shri. Tilka Manjhi

Bharatiya Svatantrata Yoddha, Tribal Leader

## TRIBAL UP-RISING

1771

- He organized Adivasis to form an armed group to fight against resource grabbing and exploitation by British.
- He led the famous revolt of the Tribals against the British from 1771 to 1784 and in 1778 wrested the Ramgarh Camp from them by forging a joint front with Pahadia Sardars.
- The year 1784 is considered as the first armed rebellion against the British.

## MARTYRDOM

1785

- In 1784, Tilka Manjhi killed Augustus Cleveland, the magistrate of Rajmahal.
- A major offensive against Manjhi's guerilla army followed.
- After evading the British for weeks, Manjhi was finally captured.
- He was tied to four horses and dragged up to Bhagalpur. Even after being dragged for miles, he was still alive. His body was soaked in blood but his blood red eyes instilled fear in British.
- On 13<sup>th</sup> January 1785, he was hanged from Banyan Tree at road junction in Bhagalpur

## SUMMARY

He was a Tribal Leader who is also famously referred to as India's First Freedom Fighter. Born in 1750, Manjhi fought for throwing out the British almost a century before the 1857 revolt. In his honour, Bhagalpur University is named after him.



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